I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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04/05/2012: A team led by Dale, BA4TB, will be active as BY1WXD/5 from Gulangyu Island ["Drum Wave Islet"] (AS-138), Xiamen, Fujian Province, South East China, from 4-7 May, 2012. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via BA4TB. [IOTA-Chasers]

05/05/2012: Members of the Gran Canaria DX Group and the local URE radio club will be active as EG8WFF from the Biosphere Reserve of Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, WFF EAFF-078, WLOTA 0969, DME-35033) on 5-6 May, 2012. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on all bands from the island's central mountains (1350m a.s.l.). QSL via EA8AKN. [425 DX News]

05/05/2012: On 5 May 2012, members of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL) will activate and try to qualify 5 Puerto Rico islands, for the U.S. Islands Award Program, using the callsign KP4ES. The islands are as follows: Isla Palominitos (USi PR010, WW Loc. FK78FI, Fajardo county); Cayo Icacos (USi PR008, WW Loc. FK78EJ, Fajardo county); Cayo Ratones (USi PR028, WW Loc. FK78FJ, Fajardo county); Isla Pi?eros (USi PR042, WW Loc. FK78EG, Ceiba county); and Cabeza de Perro (USi PR014, WW Loc. FK78FF, Ceiba county). QRV on all bands, on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via NP3O. [USi]

05/05/2012: Anja, DH2AK, and Torsten, DL1THM, will be active holiday style from the PJ2T club station, Signal Point, Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942, WW Loc. FK52KG), as PJ2/DH2AK and PJ2/DL1THM from 5-18 May, 2012. They plan to operate mainly SSB on 15-20 metres. QSL via home calls, Bureau or direct. [425 DX News]

05/05/2012: Kay, JH3AZC, plans to become active from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064) as W2AZ/KH2 from 5-6 May, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via homecall. [DX Newsletter]

06/05/2012: Safaari DX Club members Natig, 4J5T and Boris, 4K4K plan to activate the Shuvalan lighthouse (WLOL AZE-007, WW Loc. LN50CL) on the 6th of May, 2012. They will use the callsigns 4J0LH and 4J0SFR on 40-20 metre CW and SSB, propagation permitting. QSL via 4J5T. [4J5T]

07/05/2012: Seppo, OH1VR and Egbert, OH1ZAA will be active from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005, WW Loc. FM72PI) as homecall/VP9 from 7-13 May, 2012. They will be QRV on the HF bands, plus 6 metres. QSL OH1VR/VP9 via home call, direct only. QSL OH1ZAA/VP9 via home call, direct or Bureau. [NG3K]

08/05/2012: Operators Nicola, IN3ADW and Luca, IN3HUU will be active as HB0/homecalls from Liechtenstein between 8-12 May 2012. Plans are to be QRV mainly on 40/20/17/12 metres, as well as 15/10 metrer propagation permitting, using SSB and some RTTY. Suggested frequencies are: 7110-7130, 18125-18135, 14215-14225 and 24945-24955 kHz. QSL via their home calls, direct or Bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

09/05/2012: Barry, ZS1FJ/9V1FJ (G4MFW) will be active, on a one man DXpedition, from the Caribbean between 9th and 20th May, 2012. His planned schedule is as follows: 09-11 May PJ7/G4MFW (St. Maarten - NA-105, WLOTA 0711) and FS/G4MFW (St. Martin - NA-104, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383); 12-14 May PJ5/G4MFW (Saba -

NA-145, WFF PAFF-027, WLOTA 2043); 15-16 May FJ/G4MFW (St. Barthelemy - NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA 0377); 17-20 May PJ2/G4MFW (Curacao - SA-099, WLOTA 0942) and PJ4/G4MFW (Bonaire - SA-006, WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279). He will operate on the HF bands using 100W and wire antennas. QSL via 9V1FJ. [425 DX News]

09/05/2012: Hiroko, JH3PBL and Masumi, JA3AVO will be active from Oranjestad, Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033), as P40U and P40X, respectively, from 9-14 May, 2012. QSL via home calls. Website: ja3avo.blog81.fc2.com/ [dx-world.net]

10/05/2012: Look for Michael, DL4ABO, to be active as homecall/p from Neuwerk Island (EU-127, GIA N-012) and lighthouse (DLTD #38, ARLHS FED-165, TWLHD WLH DL-019, WLOTA 2311) on 10th and 11th May, 2012. This operation also counts for National Park and Nature Reserve Hamburg Wadden Sea (WFF DLFF-005). QRV on all HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/DL4ABO [rsgbiota.org]

10/05/2012: Look for Ken J79KT (JN1THL), Yoshikatsu J79YK (JK1KHT), Yoshiko J79YL (JQ1LCW) and Misae J79JF (JF1UOX) to be active from the island of Dominica (NA-101) between 10-17 May, 2012. QRV on 40-10m, possibly 6m using a TS-590 and IC-706MKII + amps. CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL all calls via JN1NDY, direct or Bureau. [dx-world.net]

10/05/2012: Members of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) with the support of the Bethel Amateur Radio Club (BARK) will activate the last new IOTA in Alaska in the Bethel County IOTA Group possibly around 10-14 May, 2012 (they postponed their 5-8 January operation due to weather earlier in the year). Callsign will be KL7RRC/p. The group's main reason for this activation is to participate in the RSGB IOTA Marathon. The current team members are: Yuri N3QQ, and Tim NL8F, and possibly another. They plan to activate Pingurbeck Island on 40-6 metre SSB and CW. QSL via UA9OBA (Europe/Russia) and N7RO; either manager can confirm any contact. More details, updates and real time team's location can be seen at: www.na-234.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

10/05/2012: Renner, PY7RP, will be active as PY7RP/6 from Tinhare Island (SA-080, DIB BA-05, WLOTA 1624), Bahia State, from 10-13 May, 2012. QRV holiday style on the HF bands using CW and SSB with 100W and wire antennas. QSL via homecall. [PT7WA]

11/05/2012: Look for Iwao JA2LSS (8Q7CJ), Yoshi JA2AIC (8Q7IC), Nob JA2AAU (8Q7NK), Iku JA2ATE (8Q7TE) and Mori JA2ZS (8Q7ZS) to be active from North Male Atoll (AS-013, WLOTA 3911), Maldives, between 11-16 May, 2012. QRV on 160-6m CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via home calls. [dx-world.net]

11/05/2012: Mitsuo, JF6TEU/6 and Tsuyoshi, JA6VDB/6 will be active from Uji Island (AS-067) on 11-13 May, 2012. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-12 metres. They might also be QRV on 160m, 10m, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home calls, direct or Bureau. Updates will be posted to Twitter (@JA6VDB). [425 DX News]

11/05/2012: Members of Veron AFD. Woerden (PI4WNO) will activate the Dutch Windmill 'de Windhond' during the windmills weekend 11-13 May 2012 using the callsign PG6MILL. It is also the 25th anniversary of their club. They will use several antennas that are mounted at the mill. Plans are to be QRV from Friday night until Sunday night on all modes from 80 metres through 10 metres. They will also be QRV on 2 metres and 70 centimetres, all modes. Team members include: Wim PA3EJE, Jan PA3GON, Fred PA8F, Stan PA8C, Joop PD2JAM, Erik PD5EK, Jan PA4J and several others. QSL direct or via PA4J through the Bureau. If you QSL direct please include 2 US Dollars and a SAE so they are able to confirm your QSO. NO E-QSL!! IT WILL NOT BE ANSWERED AND YOUR QSO WILL NOT BE VALID!! Website: www.qrz.com/db/PG6MILL [PA3GVI]

11/05/2012: Ric, DL2VFR and Norbert, DL2RNS will be active from Orust Island (EU-043) as SD7V/6 and SD7N/6, respectively, from 11-14 May, 2012. They will be QRV on the HF bands, CW, SSB, with high power. QSL via home calls, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

11/05/2012: Fred, PA1FJ, will be active from the island of Samos (EU-049, GIOTA SAS-006, MIA MG-099, WLOTA 4163, Grid Loc. KM37) as SV8/PA1FJ/p between 11-15 May, 2012. QRV 40-10 metre SSB only. Will also try 6 metre SSB for sporadic-E openings. QSL via home call by the Dutch QSL Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

11/05/2012: Mike, VE2XB reports he will be active on all bands as V31XB from Caye Caulker (NA-073), Belize, on 11-31 May, 2012. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

27/07/2012: Nobby, G0VJG, will be signing G0VJG/p from Saint Mary's Island, Isles of Scilly (EU-011, WLOTA 0408, WAB NZ37), from 27-30 July, 2012. He will also participate in the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July) as a Single-Op/High-Power/SSB entry. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

28/07/2012: Ed, GW3SQX, will be active from the Isle of Guernsey (EU-114, WLOTA 0013) as GU7O for the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July) as a Single-Op/CW only entry. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

28/07/2012: Operators Marcelo PY1MT, Moreira PU1MMZ, Mauricio PU1SET, Jose PY1MX and Jair PY1HS will be active as ZV1M during the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July) from Itacuruca Island (SA-029, DIB RJ-08), Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil. QSL via PY1MT, direct only with SASE/SAE + $2 (no IRC). Website: www.casadoradioamador.blogspot.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

12/09/2012: Karl, LA8DW and Kjell, LA9HH will be active as JW8DW from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125), Svalbard Archipelago, from 12-19 September, 2012. They will also participation in SAC CW Contest (15-16 September). QSL via LA8DW. Website: http://la8dw.com/Svalbard%202011/ [dx-world.net]

27/10/2012: Look for Stewart, G3RXQ, to be active as GD3RXQ from the Isle of Man (EU-116, WLOTA 0449, CQ zone 14) for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (27-28 October), as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via home call QTHR. [NG3K]

21/11/2012: Olaf DL4HG (9H3OG) and Holger DL5XAT (9H3TX) will be active from Gozo Island (EU-023, MIA MM-004, WLOTA 0046) from 21-26 November, 2012. This will include a Multi-Two entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November) using the callsign 9H3TX from CQ zone 15. QSL 9H3TX via DL5XAT and 9H3OG via DL4HG by the Bureau, LoTW and direct. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

ISWL CLUB CALLSIGNS -

G4BJC and M1SWL will be used by several ISWL members in May and June 2012, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during May 2012 will be:

May 1-4: GX4BJC - Operated from Broad Oak, Heathfield, in East Sussex, by Arthur G0KOC (WAB Square = TQ62 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841). MX1SWL/A - Operated from City of Chester, by Mike M1DAP (/A WAB Square = SJ36 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).

May 5-7: GQ4BJC - Operated from Broad Oak, Heathfield, in East Sussex, by Arthur G0KOC (WAB Square = TQ62 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841). MQ1SWL/A - Operated from City of Chester, by Mike Mike M1DAP (/A WAB Square = SJ36 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).

May 8-14: GQ4BJC/A - Operated from Nr Bude, Cornwall, by Mike M0SMJ (/A WAB Square = SS20 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841). MQ1SWL/A - Operated from Tewkesbury, in Gloucestershire, by Walt G3NYY (/A WAB Square = SO93 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).

May 15-21: GQ4BJC/A - Operated from Tewkesbury, in Gloucestershire, by Walt G3NYY (/A WAB Square = SO93 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841). MQ1SWL/A - Operated from Dagenham, Essex, by John M0HEM (/A WAB Square = TQ48 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).

May 22-28: GQ4BJC/A - Operated from Prestwood, Great Missenden, in Buckinghamshire, by John G8XTJ (/A WAB Square = SP80 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841). MQ1SWL/A - Operated from Nr Bude, Cornwall, by Mike M0SMJ (/A WAB Square = SS20 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).

May 29-June 4: GQ4BJC/A - Operated from City of Chester, by Mike M1DAP (/A WAB Square = SJ36 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841). MQ1SWL/A - Operated from Prestwood, Great Missenden, in Buckinghamshire, by John G8XTJ (/A WAB Square = SP80 - England - IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).

ALL QSL's will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operators.

The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all, Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK.
[Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

05/05/2012: During Memorial "Pobeda 67" (from 08.00 UTC on 5th of May till 14.00 UTC on 9th of May, 2012) Ned, LZ1DX, will activate the special callsign LZ67VZ via EME on frequencies of 432.144 MHz, 2320.144 MHz and 2304.144 MHz. To arrange SKED's please write to lz1dx[AT]lz1dx.org . All contacts will be confirmed 100% by the log via the LZ QSL Bureau. The special callsign LZ67VZ is devoted to the hero of the World War II - Bulgarian general Vladimir Zaimov. The team of operators will be: Alex LZ1ADF, Boyan LZ1BJ, Valyo LZ1DOT, Ned LZ1DX, Slav LZ1MC, Gosho LZ1ZF, Boris LZ2JR, Krasi LZ2UW and Emil LZ3HI. LZ67VZ will be active on DigiModes DMC# 5525 DMC and EPC# 18090 EPC. Further information can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/LZ67VZ [LZ1ZF]

05/05/2012: Mike, M0SMJ (ISWL G11331, FISTS 8398), will use the special callsign MQ0SMJ from Nr Bude Cornwall, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841, WAB SS20) between 5 May and 10 June 2012 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. QSL cards by the RSGB Bureau, or direct with SAE or IRC. Website: www.qrz.com/db/M0SMJ [QRZ.com]

05/05/2012: Mike, ZB3M and Ed, ZB2ER will be active from Gibraltar (WW Loc. IM76HD) as ZQ3M and ZQ2ER, respectively, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II between 5 May and 10 June, 2012. QSL via ZB3M Direct Only. [dx-world.net]

06/05/2012: Frans, PC2F, will use special callsign PC25HR between 6 and 28 May 2012, and especially on 12 May from the Hertog Reijnout pumping station for Holland's National Windmill Day. QSL via home call (all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau). [425 DX News]

07/05/2012: Tera Radio Club (www.hb9ok.ch/) members will be active on all bands and modes as HB100FLP from 7 May to 9 June 2012 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the railway line between Lugano and Ponte Tresa. QSL via HB9OCR, Bureau preferred. For information on the relevant award, please visit: www.qrz.com/db/HB100FLP [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

04/05-05/05 JO2ASQ/8: Hokkaido (main island) WLOTA:2967 QSL HC (d/b)
05/05-06/05 EG8WFF: Isla de Gran Canaria WLOTA:0969 QSL EA8AKN (d/b)
05/05-07/05 GQ4BJC: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/b)
05/05-10/06 MQ0SMJ: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL M0SMJ (d/b)
05/05-10/06 MQ1SWL/A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/b)
05/05-18/05 PJ2/DH2AK: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
05/05-18/05 PJ2/DL1THM: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
05/05-06/05 W2AZ/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JH3AZC (d/b)
06/05 4J0LH: Shuvalan Lighthouse WLOL:AZE-007 QSL 4J5T (d)
06/05 4J0SFR: Shuvalan Lighthouse WLOL:AZE-007 QSL 4J5T (d)
08/05-10/06 GQ4BJC/A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/b)
09/05-11/05 FS/G4MFW: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL 9V1FJ (d)
09/05-14/05 P40U: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL JH3PBL (d/b)
09/05-14/05 P40X: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL JA3AVO (d/b)
09/05-11/05 PJ7/G4MFW: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL 9V1FJ (d)
10/05-11/05 DL4ABO/P: Neuwerk DLTD:#38 WLH:DL-019 WLOL:FED-165
WLOTA:2311 QSL HC (d/b)
10/05-13/05 PY7RP/6: Tinhare Island WLOTA:1624 QSL HC (d/b)
11/05-16/05 8Q7CJ: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL JA2LSS (d/b)
11/05-16/05 8Q7IC: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL JA2AIC (d/b)
11/05-16/05 8Q7NK: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL JA2AAU (d/b)
11/05-16/05 8Q7TE: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL JA2ATE (d/b)
11/05-16/05 8Q7ZS: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL JA2ZS (d/b)
11/05-15/05 SV8/PA1FJ/P: Nisos Samos WLOTA:4163 QSL HC (b)

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6 METRES & UP -

- METEORS IN MAY -
The most prominent shower this month is n - Aquariids, peaking May 05, 19h UT.
This shower, related to the rich stream associated with comet 1P/Halley, is characterized by a broad maximum, sometimes with a variable number of submaxima. Recent IMO analyses, based on data collected between 1984 and 2001, indicate that ZHR is generally above 30 hr-1 between about may 3-10. The peak rates appear to be variable on a roughly 12-years timescale, due to influence of Jupiter. According to this model, the most recent highest rates should have happended around 2008-2010. Peak ZHR around 65 hr-1 is predicted for 2012. Please note that n - Aquariids radiant is above horizon (thus making the shower usable for MS) in Europe only (approximatively) in very late night and morning hours. While southern Europe stations will be able to "see" the radiant till early afternoon, in northern Europe skies the radiant culminates at reletively low elevation so an observer is able to see the radiant for much less time. Some daytime showers (? - Cetids, peaking May 20th being the most significant) will be also active this month; in addition to increasing Sporadic Meteors background, they will provide good conditions for MS DXing.
Theoretical peaktimes for May meteorshowers can be found here:
http://mmmonvhf.de/ms.php [MMMonVHF]

04/05-05/05 35th All MIE 33 Contest 6m-70cm Class CW/SSB 04 2300z-05 0300z
05/05-06/05 Arauc?ria VHF Contest 6&2m CW/SSB/FM 05 0000z-06 1600z
05/05-05/08 Six Meter Marathon 2012 05/05 0000z-05/08 2400z
05/05-06/05 SBMS 2GHz&Up World Wide Contest Phone/CW 05 0600-06 2000 local
05/05 Spring VHF/UHF Sprint 902MHz+Up 05 0600-1300 local
05/05-06/05 7th Call Area QSO Party 6m-2m Class 05 1300z-06 0700z
05/05-06/05 Cupa Napoca Contest 2m-1.2G Phone/CW/SO/MO 05 1400z-06 1400z
07/05 Memorial OK1WC (MWC) Activity 6m Phone 07 1600z-1659z
07/05-13/05 OH1VR/VP9: Bermuda NA-005 Grid:FM72PI 6m CW/SSB QSL HC (d)
07/05-13/05 OH1ZAA/VP9: Bermuda NA-005 Grid:FM72PI 6m CW/SSB QSL HC (d/b)
08/05 Independence Day VHF/UHF Contest 6m-70cm 08 0700z-1000z
08/05 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 08 1700z-2059z
08/05 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 08 2000z-2230z
10/05 SPAC 50MHz Contest CW/SSB/FM 10 1700z-2100z
09/05 MOON Contest 432 MHz CW/Digi/FM/SSB 09 1800z-2000z
10/05 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 10 1700z-2059z
10/05 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 10 1700z-2100z
11/05-15/05 SV8/PA1FJ/P: Samos Island EU-049 Grid:KM37 6m Es SSB QSL HC (d/b)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_may.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 02 May 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs via Bureau: 4W6A, 5R8IC, A61AS, 6W/DL2AWG, 6W/HA?NAR, 9Y4W, A45WD, A65BR, BV1??ROC, CE?Y/DK7ZB, CE?Z/SM6CUK, D44TZN, DU1IST, FJ/SM5ENX, HC8GR, HK?GU, J28RO, J5NAR, OX2A, PJ2/DM3HZN, PJ4B, RI1ANC, T3?XG, TM1G, UK/JI2MFD, UK8AR, V5/DK2WH, VU2XO, ZA/LZ1UQ, ZD8O, ZL8X and ZS2I.

QSLs via Direct: 5Z4EE (QRZ.com), 7U1MA (QRZ.com), 9M6/OH2YY (OH2YY), BA5CJ/5 [AS-141] (H/c), C21HA (HA5UK), E51M (GDXF), HI8A (QRZ.com), JC91NW (K9NW), JX5O (OQRS), SU9VB (OQRS), TO3A (VE3EY), TT8M (PA7FM), TX3T (RZ3EC), TX7M (RZ3EC), V85TL (QRZ.com), VO2NS (QRZ.com), VP6T (OQRS), VU2ELJ (QRZ.com) and ZX2S [SA-028] (PT7WA).

QSLs via LoTW: LW7DUC and ZX2B.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test Scheduled for May 12

The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications Test in celebration of the 62nd anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD). Although the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated

on the third Saturday in May -- May 19 in 2012 -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted on May 12 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention, scheduled for May 18-20.

The annual celebration features traditional military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice and Morse code tests. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to those stations making contact with the military stations.

Military-to-amateur crossband operations will take place on the dates and time in UTC on the frequencies listed for each station. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB). Some stations, depending on propagation and staffing, may not operate the entire period. Participating military stations will transmit on selected military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in the amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes.

The schedules and frequencies of participating military stations can be found in PDF format on the web at, http://www.netcom.army.mil/MARS/docs/AMC_Test_2012.pdf [ARRL]

New Section Manager Appointed in Virgin Islands

Fred Kleber, K9VV, has been appointed as Section Manager of the Virgin Islands Section beginning May 1, 2012. Kleber, of Christainsted, is taking the reins from John Ellis, NP2B, who is planning to move out of the Section soon. Ellis has been Section Manager of the Virgin Islands since 1996. Kleber has served as the Section Emergency Coordinator of the Virgin Islands this past year.

Ellis recommended that Kleber fulfill his current term of office that continues until September 30, 2012. In response, Dave Patton, NN1N, Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager, consulted with ARRL Southeastern Division Director Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, and made the appointment effective on May 1.

Nomination petitions are now being accepted at ARRL Headquarters for any qualified ARRL member who would like to run for the next term of office as the Virgin Islands Section Manger. See the notice in the April 2012 (page 80) or May 2012 (page 76) issues of QST for details on how to nominate someone for this post. [ARRL]

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo

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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA

www.wlota.com/
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All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
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www.wff44.org/program/wff/
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